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The dear season—Christmastide.

"Cupid tying knots." Slip knots?

No, little Willie, Santa has no claws.

Heavenly blessings —, moonlight schools.

Things are out of harmony at Sing Sing.

The Watson trial has been one to all of us.

Is your business conducted along secret order lines?

Those germs in Germans are certainly not hook worms.

We wish we could find the key to our Christmas turkey.

Snowed under, by heck. But you can't keep us there.

In giving its "adhesion" to the treaty of London Italy got stuck.

But who minds getting stuck—provided a Red Cross stamp is used.

The farmers are for preparing the soil, but not the Land.

Here's to yuh, Mr. President. We wish yuh mighty well.

Representative Burns helped to raise the British blockade on tobacco.

Pickled whale is finding wide sale in Germany. Preparing for the Jonah?

The "smashing" tactics of Italy may yet put a dent in the Austrian defence.

We see that America is first in inventions. If Germany is to be believed, the Allies come first.

"The French and Bulgarians are exchanging artillery shells." A sort of shell game.

When a Christmas "shower" is descending, the Pastors don't mind how hard it rains.

"Attitude of Chinese Women is Changing." We are informed that their complexions are, too.

Women's short skirts have the astounding effect of making men look long.

Sweetyoungthing—"I hope you miss me."

Hething—"I'd rather Mrs. you."

Uneasiness should mark the movements of some people in hog killing time.

A sleeping passenger on a Rocky Mount train had money stolen from his shoe. A low down theft, say we.

News item: "America spends fifty millions annually on cosmetics." Sounds to us like a made-up tale.

This talk of restoring the sugar tariff sounds sweet to cane grower's ears.

A \$600 fire was caused by a film at Laurens. It must have been a red hot one.

B. Ridge Student—"Barber, shave down."

Barber—"Certainly, suh. Dere's nothin' else tuh shave!"

Fired or resigned, it's a pity Eanest Thompson Seton has quit the Boy Scouts.

Cor. in the Forest City Free Press: "Some of the boys are interested in the girls of Shiloh. Be patient preachers."

Halter 'mos' on, eh?

\$200 of good Henderson county money was recently chewed up by a cow. A most un-kine-ly act, we think.

Add Unusual Events—"Lola Miller motored . . . on Thanksgiving . . . and something went wrong with his machine."

By test the Russians have shown that aluminum horseshoes outlast those of steel or iron. And, incidentally, they are lighter.

As their leader the Republicans have "picked" Mann. That isn't a circumstance to what the Democrats are going to do to him.

The liquor dealers' paper is out. It is called "The Other Side." Still we fear there are many who will never see it.

"And what has become of the oldtime Republican editor who used to think it

the very pinnacle of cleverness to refer to the President as Dr. Wilson?" Columbia State. Why he's still here.

"I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Governor of North Carolina on the straight Republican ticket," Jas. Brown, of Unaka, in The Cherokee Scout. The Society for the Suppression of Useless Noises will please get busy.

Twinkle, twinkle little feet,
As you pass along the street,
We often wonder why you are
Down below the skirt so far.

How Sad.
A luckless wight
Is Henry Zollars;
He has a lot
Of Villa \$.
—Columbia State.

A friendless wight
Is Jacob Root;
He's learning how
To play the flute.
—Macon Telegraph.

And here's a line
For Hiram Hopper;
Who chased a gal,
And didn't cop her.

CONGRESS MEETS AGAIN.

On Monday, December 6, the sixty fourth congress of the United States took its place upon the scene of the Nation's activities and the session will doubtless be memorable in very many ways. Preliminary skirmishes incident to permanent organization leads a casual observer to the conclusion that all will not be harmonious. A tinge of factionalism appeared upon the democratic horizon before the session began. However, there is usually some friendly rivalry between aspiring members of the democrat party, when coveted positions are to be handed around, and the Democracy may consider itself exceedingly fortunate in being able to start the legislative wheels in motion with only a single contest.

All the talk of trying to deprive Representative Claude Kitchin of the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, because he and President Wilson agreed to disagree upon the latter's preparedness program, amounted to nothing. The Tar Heel Congressman bowed himself in very gracefully and appears to be at peace with all the world. In making up the House Committees, . . . Kitchin had friends to favor, but no foes to punish and this arduous task was accomplished with little difficulty and without friction. North Carolina representatives have carried off the lion's share of honors, due, of course, to long, continuous service, there having been only two changes in the State delegation for the past several years. Geo. E. Hood, of Goldsboro, succeeds the late John M. Faison, in the third, and James J. Britt, of Asheville, takes the place of J. M. Gudge in the tenth district.

But things did not run so smoothly in the Senate caucus of the Democrats. When the matter of selecting a candidate for President pro tempore was reached a sharp contest had developed between the supporters of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, and Pomerene, of Ohio, which grew out of the controversy over the ship purchase bill during the last session of congress. By senior rights Senator Clarke should have been re-elected President pro tempore without opposition. But, because of his opposition to the ship purchase bill advocated by the President twenty-three of his colleagues refused to support him and voted for Senator Pomerene, who received just five votes less than did Senator Clark. The election of the Arkansas Senator was finally on motion of Senator Pomerene, made unanimous by a rising vote and the caucus ended harmoniously. It was a narrow escape but Senator Clarke is no stranger to close calls in political contests. It was only by a bare majority that he managed to pull through for re-election to the Senate from Arkansas last year. He is a close personal friend of Senator Simmons and Overman and his latest victory is due, in a large measure to their support. Whether they erred in standing by him will be seen in his official conduct later on when President Wilson asks for adequate equipment for the country's safety and defence.

The preparedness program of the President looms large as the overshadowing issue of this congress. It is not to be considered as a party question, but democrats are expected to support the views of their President, who has given the subject close study and careful consideration. Mr. Wilson doubtless has facts in his possession that he is not privileged to disclose and no democratic Senator or representative need have the slightest hesitancy in supporting the President's plans. But we shall see what we shall see when the lines are drawn in battle array.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing have been patient and long-suffering with foreign officials bent on the abuse of privileges accorded them in this country. They are now determined that the United States will be wiser of those who make themselves obnoxious, by activity harmful

to the best interests of the nation, and request was recently made upon Germany to withdraw Capt. Karl Boy-ed and Captain Franz von Papen, respectively, naval and military attaches of the German embassy. Secretary Lansing says they have rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government, by improper activities in connection with naval and military matters, and has handed them their pass ports. Correct. The wonder is that he did not reach this conclusion sometime ago.

North Carolina is practically running things at Washington these days. Senator Simmons is chairman of the biggest Senate committee and Representative Claude Kitchin heads the most important committee of the house. Senator Overman presides over the committee on rules of the upper branch of congress, while Representative E. Y. Webb, of the ninth district, heads the judiciary committee of the house. Tar Heels are high and mighty at the national capital these days.

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DIES IN HENDERSONVILLE.

Wife of Judge Charles P. Hansell of Thomasville, Ga., Passes Here.
The following article from the Times-Tribune of Thomasville, Ga., in its issue of December 2, will be read with interest in Hendersonville.
The Thomasville friends of Mrs. Leila Davidson Hansell, wife of Judge Charles P. Hansell of this city, were pained to learn today of her death occurred this morning at Hendersonville, N. C. She had been ill for many months and it had been known for some time that the end was not far off.

More than a year ago, accompanied by her husband, Mrs. Hansell went to Hendersonville, hoping that the climate there would be beneficial in restoring her to health again, but in spite of all the efforts of physicians and nurses, she grew steadily worse, until the end came peacefully this morning.

Mrs. Hansell was born in Charlotte, N. C., and was a member of the well-known Davidson family, so long prominent in the history and life of that state. It was in honor of her grandfather that Davidson college, in North Carolina, was named and she had numbers of relatives and family connections in that and other states. Judge Hansell has been constantly with his wife during her long illness and his many Thomasville friends sympathize with him in his sorrow.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow in Hendersonville, conducted by the Presbyterian minister of which church Mrs. Hansell had long been a member. The interment will be in Hendersonville.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Dr. Bradford, of Charlotte, N. C.

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TROD LIGHT FANTASTIC AT 102.

Providence, R. I.—Few women live to dance on their 102nd birthday and at that age defy the ravages of time. Out in Cranston, R. I., last week, Mrs. Narcisse St. Ogen trod the light fantastic despite her 102 years and repeated her dance twice over. Her partner was her "young" son, who is eighty-two years old. The aged woman is a native of Quebec, and she has continued in the old-fashioned ways of her girlhood, spinning with her spinning wheel and knitting with her own hands the clothing she wears. She is proud of her claim that she has had bought only one pair of stockings in her life, and thinks the women of today have lost many of the arts and accomplishments of their ancestors.

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